

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Allowance and Fees Due mailed April 10, 2006 indicated that claims 3 and 5-22 of the instant application are allowed. However, continued examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the forgoing amendments, the following remarks, and the IDS submitted herewith.

By the foregoing amendments, new claim 23 has been added and claims 20 and 22 have been amended. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application. Thus, claims 3 and 5-23 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

**Conclusion**

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing client matter number 108391-00019.

Respectfully submitted,

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